
By: **Delegate Schisler**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Alcohol- or Drug-Related Driving Offenses - Driver's License Suspensions**

3 FOR the purpose of conforming certain provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law
4 concerning a driver's license suspension for a conviction for certain alcohol- or
5 drug-related driving offenses to other provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law
6 concerning a driver's license suspension for an accumulation of points for a
7 conviction for the alcohol- or drug-related driving offenses; and generally
8 relating to driver's license suspensions for convictions for certain alcohol- or
9 drug-related driving offenses.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

11 Article - Transportation
12 Section 16-205(c) and (d)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2002 Replacement Volume)

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16 Article - Transportation
17 Section 16-404(c)(2)(i) and (iii)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2002 Replacement Volume)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article - Transportation**

23 16-205.

24 (c) The Administration may suspend for not more than [60 days] 6 MONTHS
25 the license of any person who is convicted under § 21-902(b) or (c) of this article of
26 driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle while impaired by alcohol or while so
27 far impaired by any drug, any combination of drugs, or a combination of one or more
28 drugs and alcohol that the person cannot drive a vehicle safely.

1 (d) The Administration may suspend for not more than [120 days] 12
2 MONTHS the license of any person who, within a [3-year] 5-YEAR period, is convicted
3 under § 21-902(b) or (c) of this article of driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle
4 while impaired by alcohol or while so far impaired by any drug, any combination of
5 drugs, or a combination of one or more drugs and alcohol that the person cannot drive
6 a motor vehicle safely and who was previously convicted of a violation under:

7 (1) § 21-902(a) of this article of driving or attempting to drive a motor
8 vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or while under the influence of alcohol per
9 se;

10 (2) § 21-902(b) of this article of driving or attempting to drive a motor
11 vehicle while impaired by alcohol;

12 (3) § 21-902(c) of this article of driving or attempting to drive a motor
13 vehicle while so far impaired by any drug, any combination of drugs, or a combination
14 of one or more drugs and alcohol that the person cannot drive a motor vehicle safely;
15 or

16 (4) § 21-902(d) of this article of driving or attempting to drive a motor
17 vehicle while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance.

18 16-404.

19 (c) (2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) of this subsection, the
20 following suspension periods may apply to a suspension for an accumulation of points
21 under § 16-402(a)(24) of this subtitle for a violation of § 21-902(b) or (c) of this article
22 or a suspension imposed under § 16-404.1(b)(4)(iii) of this subtitle:

23 (i) For a first conviction, not more than 6 months;

24 (iii) For a second conviction less than 5 years after the date of the
25 first conviction or for a third conviction, not more than 12 months; and

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2003.